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(Case No. MBHB00-422)

In the Application of:

*Yan et al.*

Serial No. 09/619,198

Filed: July 19, 2000

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of Treating VGF-Related  
Disorders**

Before the Action:  
R. Hayes

Group Art Unit: 1647

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached papers for the above-described patent application:  
Response to the Office Action Mailed October 21, 2004, Request for Extension of Time and return postcard.
2. With respect to additional fees:  
A check for the amount of \$ 450.00 is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

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Please consider the following remarks made in response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2004 in view of the following amendments and remarks.